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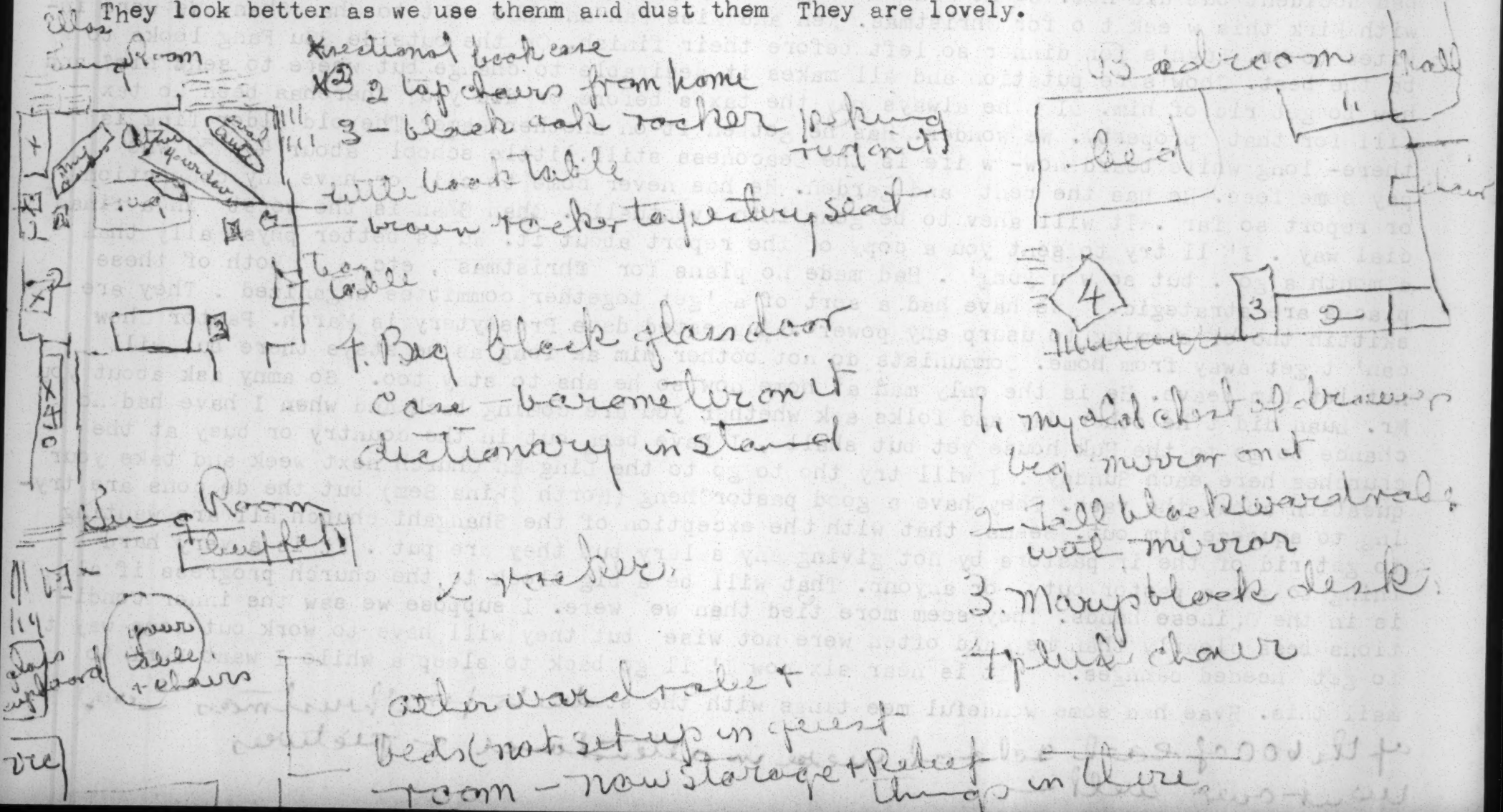
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4 Tsi Yang Road, Tsingtao, Shantung, Dec 23, 1946

Dera Mary and Van: It is now ten o' clock and I should be in bed. How busy the days are. There seem to be a million things to say and answer but no time to do it. I have all of your letters in a pile. I have looked thru some of them. Last night and tonight I have been going thru the detailed account of the findings on Mrs Fay's case. I will send you a copy or at least a briefer on later. There seems to be very little sympathy for her here. Mr. Ch'i, the other teachers, none say that she was unjustly accused. Strange too, to hear that you had a very pitiful letter from her husband. I wrote him in Sh when and where to see me but he made no attempt to reach me nor send a message but wrote to them here that he had. He has just deserted her practically. Has not been up at all, does not write nor does the son according to the sister-in law. She cried and said 'he pa wo Ch'i ssu la'. 'He angers me to death' He has just thrown over all of the responsibility on me. Reports are of a 'lady' there. I am not sure about the whole affair but I am beginning to feel that Walline's attitude is nearer right. of that later----

It has been so nice to have Earl here. But he is leaving the 12 th of January so do not send any more by him. No other Apo in sight but I am glad that the rate of 25 is on at least. I wish that we had it here. It has been so nice to get mail thru him. The last that he brought today was Dec. 13 th. That is wonderful. Thru him too, I had a Christmas gift which was a very great surprise and my first. I had not seen the Reynolds pencils before but not long ago I was thinking how nice one would be. Some other Christmas things are supposed to be on the way. It is so nice of folks to send them. Duty will not be bad maybe. I find that all of the relief packages are dutiable but I am in the process of getting them thru on a red tape permit when that comes I can manage them better. Duty runs about 50% when one pays the special tax, and postage from Shanghai up(they seem to give it to Shan. only in the States) It makes it worse that our money is all changed at the 3550 rate when the market rate and the price rate is at over 7000 .. so that doubles our prices. So far the relief duty I have paid but will have to stop them if no permit. The customs official said not to write home to stop the parcels... so we will see how to manage the 60 per month that were to be sent. So far 5 of them have come.

I think you have had my letter about the things from Seuferts and Reeder. Two boxes of books are here, Lao Sahn picture, thermos bottle also. They were especially busy the day that they had told the cook to go for them so did not send them. the last things, the bathroom scales are here too. The davenport is in good condition only several shades darker - the plush I mean. Will see about the table tomorrow. I wish I had a good bottle of furniture polish for it. I had one day at the Commissary. The next day they did not let Earl buy - said he must have a card so that stopped that but they had no polish. He has gotten us a turkey thru a 'purchase' and some lovely things for dinner Wed. oooooo Later now. I must get to bed nite and a thousand good wishes and thoughts of you constantly as I am surrounded with your nice things. They look better as we use them and dust them. They are lovely.



Now I am sitting up in bed all wrapped up. Been awake since 4 so decided to use the time rather than have the things going over in my mind. I am using the little night light on my bed. It is so nice. It will not fit on to the top but I have it strapped. Have just gone over the details of the dinner. It will not be too hard as most of it is in cans. They will cook the turkey up at Ken's, in your old home as there is a good Chinese white enamel stove there put in by the Js. They have water connected there and the oven works. I am cooking on kerosene pressure ~~heater~~ stove, and cook found an old one of Marie's in the attic Yang made an oven for it just recently and we have had a few biscuits. Our coal, finally bought some runs 200 per chin. That counts to about \$250 a ton, lots of rocks in it-- of course one does not dare to figure but with us at half exchange rate that doubles the price --- we were so cold, the deputation said they did not expect us to go on that way. So I have a coal stove I brought out but it does take a good deal of coal then we are not hot but warmer than outside. We hope the trains now running to Tsinan, by staying over night in Weihsien, will in Jan bring coal from Poshan (I got the mission in on a ten ton order which will run about \$50. so we will feel better about it. I got a perfection heater- kerosene the round portable kind for each of us on the one 'COM' day and that has been a blessing in the bedroom and bathroom. But of all things the electric blanket is the most heavenly and I mean it. Only I always feel so unworthy. After about a hour of heating the whole bed is wonderful ... Just too perfect to believe. At first we had to go to bed to get warm but now with the stove I can work a bit at nights when I do not have classes or am not too tired. We ought to feel terrible about such coal. We do but one gets too cold to mind it. We are on an expense basis, and have some grants for some coal, we may have to pay it back but anyway we are a bit warm. I do not know about C. R. and Weihsien but the recent Presbytery did not include his name in the requests. Murry Mahy and West I think were the ones. Of course he was already in Hwaiyuen. I just heard the emn remark that when Everett was here but I do not know the details. It looks like the new set up of the Board to turn over things is to be. Do not mention this in letters to others but a recent letter from Weihsien says that the Ch pastors there have all voted to go in to live in the compound to live in the foreign houses. I wanted Kirk to come up. I say do not mention it as I do not know how widely it is to be known. I was not told not to tell but that is my own reaction. I expect we will have to go thru many such 'growing pains'. It all makes me sick in the light of Wang Leh Yuen. He definitely is out of popularity with the leaders in private conversations but who will take a stand against him. With his new standing with the gov't, too it must be of God's planning. Yes, Cou is still at SsuFang. I have been there for three Sundays. Many asked about you. I did not plan to go the middle Sunday but the jeep spare went bad (We have a station jeep we all drive it on Mission business) and then went out with the Lutherans attempting to get to Yuan Chuang, but their steering gear broke out at Sha ling Chuang. We could have had a bad accident but did not. So no Yuan Chuang. Grady picked us up and I went to SsuFang. I went with Kirk this week to for Christmas. Ken and Miss Fan and Huo went to Chan Shan. We were invited to Mr. Luan's for dinner so left before their finish. On the outside Ssu Fang looks to be the best. Chow's reputation and all makes it desirable to change but where to send him? and how to get rid of him. Did he always pay the taxes before or did you? There has been no tax bill for that property. We wonder. Has he gotten it on another name? The old Elder Ting is there- long white beard now- wife is the Deaconess still. little school about 40- 50 who pay some fees. He has the rent and garden. He has never come to call or have any connection or report so far. It will have to be gone into eventually. Chan Shan is the worst in a financial way. I'll try to get you a copy of the report about it. Wu is better physically than a month ago. but so Wu yung'. Had made no plans for Christmas, etc. Both of these places are strategic. We have had a sort of a 'get together committee' organized. They are skittish tho of seeming to usurp any power. Suggested date Presbytery is March. Pastor Chow can't get away from home. Communists do not bother him as long as he stays there but will not let him leave. He is the only man at home now so he has to stay too. So amny ask about you Mr. Luan did the other day and folks ask whether you are coming back and when I have had no chance to go to the Huk house yet but shall, I have been out in the country or busy at the churches here each Sunday. I will try tho to go to the Ling En Church next week and take your question about the vase. They have a good pastor Cheng (North China Sem) but the deacons are trying to squeeze him out. Seems that with the exception of the Shanghai church all are wanting to get rid of the ir pastors by not giving any salary but they are put. It is a very hard thing to get a pastor out. or anyone. That will be a big block to the church progress if all is in the Chinese hands. They seem more tied than we were. I suppose we saw the inner conditions less clearly than they, and often were not wise but they will have to work out some way to get needed changes. It is near six now I'll go back to sleep a while I want Earl to

mail this. Have had some wonderful meetings with the students for Christmas ~~and~~ of the 600 of each school were in attendance & pictures went over well -

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two ago

I went today to see Mrs. Fay. It seemed that I should do it and then. so I got the jeep and picked up Miss Yu and Huo. It was not one of the visiting days, few people. After sending in Miss Yu's name we waited for several hours - it seemed - really about half an hour. Then we were taken to the visiting room - a small room with three iron wires (layers) over the window. She got permission to go into a small room inside. A man stayed there all of the time and listened. Both languages were spoken. She wept at first seeing me. She is very well she says. She is very fat and white. North room. get very little exercise or time to go out to the courtyard. clothes seemed adequate, mien shoes were old tho. said plenty of bedding. Gets extra food several vegetables a day for the 65000 per month rate. Sister in law takes her food and did her washing. I did not ask how. said her memory is not clear on some things. She does some knitting and reads. Read the magazines sent in - some were from here and some were what Mrs. Owens sent. she asked me to keep Rachel's things here till later. needed stockings, so we got some from Rachel's box; we fixed yesterday a package, sent the grey sweater to her, so some more milk etc. She said that up in the attic there were her dishes, the Gernhardts nice set - she has kept for her and another set the owner of which she does not know. whether she never knew, or has forgotten or what I can't tell. She was arrested from a relatives' home and not permitted to go back. Another stored her things etc. so that may account for that. The sister-in law knew of the dishes and medicine there. The older sister is to come here soon after seven years absence if she finds a suitable place to live. She will take care of the things which are spread out in two attic rooms and that space has to be emptied out. We told her about the balance of the marine contribution of \$180.00 now 178. and she wants to use it for food for her. Said she had been worried about how she would eat but that God had prepared it for her. Seemed that she had not known about it before. It has been handled thru so many hands that we have not known what was done before. Said that she has learned many lessons while in the prison. Another said that she has read the Bible thru. I felt terrible about the whole thing. Going was an ordeal ... then the biggest thing is the feeling of responsibility. I have questioned and asked many people about it so as not to let one report influence my opinion. If this sentence were only for the protecting of the school and because as she told Elder Tsu 'she had the foreigners letter to keep the school going and because of that she was imprisoned' ----- then we have more responsibility -- but even in that same quotation, that Elder said that she was arrested because of the strike in the school and the long drawn out result, not because of the position in the gov't. That was after she was principal that the strike affair continued. It is a bad mixture of events and faults and blames but I do think that she layed herself out for blame far more than the school necessitated and that there was no more involved in it. Not any one seems to feel that it was unjust -- just say that she was lucky to get off so easy. How could she so turn to Japan in her loyalty etc. There are some rather bad reports of reputation involved --- One may expect that perhaps but this is part of the thing better disregarded. The fact that other school principals were arrested and they are still in their schools makes it seem true too. Anyway I told her that Van had tried to see various folks in America and that I had cabled Mme. Chiang so that she knows that we did all that could be done at the time. It may be that she really did think that Japan would win after all. We will never know that nor need we say. All we can do is to do what seems to be the right thing and that is all I have gone into some details in the questions asked, not as trying to blame her but to see where our part in the responsibility lies. I cannot see where anything else could have been done, nor that we as a Mission are further responsible. It surely is hard and perhaps I am wrong in this. The others. Ken and Kirk feel so too, I shall still send things as I can and watch for the situation. I have written this much in detail for I know that you want to know. I have a document written in details but there are names in it and I am not free to use them. I may send it with the names cut out, or maybe not at all. She said that Van had given her a magazine to keep for him and she had kept it all of the time and written on his name only after arrest but did not know where it went. A white cupboard of Van's in her care had gotten old and she did not know where it went to. I told her to forget that. The long black framed mirror of Rachel's is here.

Later - 28th -
no time to go into Christmas details but I want to get this off. This sheet I copied & sent to Art. Mrs. Fay wrote them a letter & I enclosed it for them. I had other

report will see about that
later. I want to let you see it but
not to let anyone see the names or use
them in quoting it or in anyway to get
back to Mrs. F. because of the betrayal
of confidence if I send the names.
I mentioned names so one would
know the sources of the reports
& how they came to know the affairs
It is super confidential + please do
not quote it or refer to it in the
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This letter must go by Earl or it will break me up. We may get the jeep enclosed. It is the coldest imaginable. Wear all of country furline clothes in it. Men wear parkas.

Christmas many Chinese callers come, and Earl had invited us to dinner cooker here so we had U.S. things he had bought. The Capt was here too, 2 Baptist girls (Erva was busy). The 29 she was here Miss Hounad Yu and Wen Tah Dean Miss Wang so we enjoyed the remains.... Now it is getting cold so will close for tonight.

This letter will wreck you to read it..... So many mistakes. No chance of anything in the attic at all. roof for a long time etc. Keng said. No flowers visible when I came. Something might come up??? The Tings at Ssu Fang had a pretty bad time of it. They are cared for now by their son so have enough. Mr Ch'i is working in a gov't office. wanted to be writer again but Ken told him we needed one to write English etc. Miss Chow Kuei Mei will likely do it. Her family is living in the quarters back of #6. If she works here she can stay on somewhere. Mr. Ch'i is still in all of those rooms but been told to go as the Fans too. They are trying to get a place.

Captain Fot eh Sabins just came in. I am getting Wang Ta Sao to sew for him some gowns etc. He just brought the last batch of mail and the Christmas greetings of some friends and your last too. Yours Mary. I am sending on to Grace. She will be glad to hear too. What a darling baby Bobbie is!! and how I appreciate their remembering me!! Thank them very much. I guess I shall have to get hardened to the fact that I do not get letters written and that they are so expensive. Soon now can make a report on the relief things and send it out. That will satisfy a lot of friends I know. still not finished tho. What a joy to see four big gunny sacks go on this AM to go to Ta Hsin T'ian where the church had been burned and then the homes of all of the Christians burned. The CG have done what the JS failed to do!!

You have had the more detailed letter by now of the things. All are here but the battery charger and the last boxes. The two boxes of books from Readers seem to be in good condition but have the fly leaf for the same taken off. The piano ought to come soon as it has been six weeks now since I told them. They said something about keeping the organ till after Christmas so that should come before long.

This is the 30 now Keng got off by the skin of his teeth by appealing to the Admiral directly after all of the other planes did not fly. He must have just made the boat as they are due to land today. Big crack up of three planes in Shanghai cause of the delay....

My advice now about coming out to just live here for the enjoyment is difficult to give as far as the Chinese attitude. Many ask when you are coming and whether you are coming. I do not think that that determines it. One always makes friends - you did especially - so that is not the question. It is what you want to do and whether you can live on your pension and salary easily then it surely is not the time now. Today got 6 panes of glass put in and that cost about \$15 U.S. money. We are trying to live on an expense account and necessary expenses. There is no extra. I do not know what families like the Hallings do nor how their businesses are holding out. In a year or two it ought to clear up but just now travel is so hard and costly that it would seem not very wise to attempt. I should think for next spring, at least. Since they like you so well there and you will be having extra expense for Dick it might be wise to stay at home. On the other hand Mary you can do all you wish in the way of missionary work too so it seems to me to be a question of money and your desires. You are so well settled there. These cold houses and the ruggedness, difficulty of getting tires. and the gold melting to nothing makes me say wait a bit at least. That is my present mood but do not let me decide it for you as after all I do not know your money resources. Earl is to come in tomorrow and we'll decide how to mail all of this. Thank you so the candy that the Scovel's will bring and all of the good wishes and the closeness and the remembering 888 Helps a lot!!!!. Big shipment of Relief supplies Kirk says will fill the church... just what it will fill is a question....

I plan to keep the table myself. Wish I had some furniture polish to do something to the top.

It looks so old & tired. It is a great + strong tho - the refinishing is all you'll need to do to it. I paid 10 of your money to move it - I will tell you another time of your next. The Readers +

must have been soon after return.

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Dear friends: tonight Miss Fan has gone with Kenny to show the Christmas pictures. I have been trying to get a bit of a cold so I am staying at home tonight. It seems to be the first night since I came that I have had a free bit of time. Kenny will leave in the morning to meet his wife and family so I will have all of the night English classes this week. They will be back Jan 9 or 11 on the Lutheran plane. I have a big pile of letters received from you as well as the pile of instruction letters. I'd like to go through them tonight, answer any questions and then destroy them. If I repeat please excuse. I am not sure what I have told you and what letters have gotten through to you. I have a feeling that I have received most of yours but there are some I think are lost from others. I got a Dec 1 letter today on the 5/4 mail. That is the fastest from Florida too. On the 5/4 others take six weeks to two months. The letters through that APO came in ten to fourteen days. I am cooking on kerosene and got a little kerosene stove through Earl and it is a life saver! for bathroom and bedroom. Erva was fortunate and brought an oil burner. *diesel oil 53,000 for 50 gallons. That is the cheapest ever. I wonder sometimes how you could come out now to live on an income personally - Of course out mission exchange of 35500 per dollar and prices pegged at 6500 makes it worse. It is \$8 for a sack of flour now while \$1 used to buy 3 sacks of flour. Then double that at our rate of exchange. If the mission did not give us a coal grant we could never buy it. \$10 is price now for a chin of coal CNC. Kenny W and family are in your house. The Mahys will be in #6 Wests in #1. #3 is full of storage things. This is the center for all of the interior supplies. I did not hear about Torrey's plans from Sh. I think though that they are to go back to Tsinan. Nice you had such a nice time with them. I will some day go to the Huk when I do not need to rush and see houses. Have not yet. Always something to bring us back. We had a nice visit with Anspach two weeks ago, and he brought me home from a meeting at Lutheran Bible class yesterday eve. He plans to go home in the Spring to stay. This should not be repeated but Kirk said that the letter from the Weihsien Presbytery asked for Murray Mahy and West. R was not included. I asked him if because of dictatorial policy and thought so. but he still thinks that Reeder should go back there. Murray wants him to come up to help on this - pastor's wanting to move into the foreign houses but K. is not sure of going. No word from your cook yet. Only all say alright. The Lutherans have old station wagon and a jeep. I bought back the car 'Drippy' from Dr. Cahang for his buying price \$400 and since he did not make any claim on it I can. Sha dep gave promise of cars for stations. I am asking for a jeep station wagon. I feel definitely I have earned my spurs on wheelbarrows and I want a good car now for the country. We have a jeep. need tires desperately. The Barboos and Med unit who have allocated a lot of stuff for us, gave me a motor for a sewing machine, the other day and motor oil for the little generator. They had all of the tires stolen off of two jeeps the night we were out there but they got them back on Christmas day - fortunately as they were pretty down on China as a result but the skies are clear again.

I went to Ling En Church today, my first chance, to ask about the vase. They first said for you to do as you could. I said that I had sold a good sized vase for \$25.00 and would they be satisfied with that? They were pretty shocked! Well, I said, that is why you wanted them to set a minimum price. Finally they decided for you to try to sell it and write the price that could be gotten then they will decide about it. Lot of trouble. But now here \$25 U.S. seems like a penny. Of course theirs is a real antique and larger and all but I tried to prepare them for less than their high price to get a reaction on it. They are not needing money now so badly and it will not go far anyway now so it may be best to just hold on to it. So good to have word of adorable Bobby. Mary your Dec. 2 letter here and grand. You have so much to keep up with that I think you are wonderful to me. Please do not worry --- I love to get the letters but do not let them add to your burdens. I hear that Miss Roberts is teaching in St John's at Sh. I am so sorry for the death of your brother. What will his family do? Stay in Cincinnati? No reply from the book yet. The outboard motor and trailer combination sound fine... will make perfect 'Brat even more perfect. Glad you have the insulation! Sorry about Maude, hope she is better now. The Deacons that you knew at Ling En church are still there. One name Yu, a Dr Chang. Mr Chou is dead. Mr Tsui is dead. They have been back in their new church over a year. cleaned up and nice. My last letter from John was in Nov. No news since. I think that that is out. I find I can forget him very easily in the busy days... Just a nice experience, at least that is my judgment on it. Deane Walter is in Tsinan. Any news of Steela? I do not hear of her coming. Am enclosing the Chan Shan report which Wu gave to Kenny. I had had the same you can judge from it. We are trying to get the temporary committee to get under it and include it in the Presbytery budget - as all money must come that way. What is the status of the Tsung Teh Little school property? Have we any authority over it? What do you mean? What can you get out of the things left at Reeder's? Do you mean you want me to get selling prices on them now? There is cotton available for padded clothing, I think I am well supplied with warm things. I have not put on the warmest undies yet. Mary, yours is wonderful the J's took all of mine from Huo Liu Chuang. I am sure that Tsinan is the pick of China to be in

Your Love Gifts for China



Mrs. F. Rintoul

Mrs. R. W. Achor

Irene Forsythe

Dr. R. W. Achor

No! I have not gone! **I am to sail August 28th, from San Francisco.** Conditions in China and a bottleneck in transportation have caused the delay. The "Gripsholm" brought me home in 1942. Now "the Missionary Special"—a boat chartered by a number of Boards will, this 1946, take 500 missionaries back to the Orient. I will go on "The Marine Lynx" of the President Lines.

The four years in America, travelling over the United States, visiting in many of your churches and homes, have been a blessing to me. Thank you all for the continued loyalty and the love shared. These last months have meant physical rest, more speaking and preparations to go again.

Remember, please to tuck me in your heart of daily remembrance. Oh! I will need your prayers as never before. God bless you all!

ADDRESS—August 1-15—Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, 228 McAllister Street, San Francisco 2, California.

PERMANENT ADDRESS—American Presbyterian Mission, Tsi Yang Road, Tsingtao, Shantung, China. I'll want letters over there!

THE MISSIONARY—"PIGS IS PIGS"

You Blessed Folks; WHOEVER DREAMED IT! SIX TONS!

In January thoughts of suffering and starvation among folks in China kept me from sleeping, and at 3 A. M. prompted the scribbled copy of that letter to you for relief gifts. It met your wonderful hearts of love. A missionary, "PIGS IS PIGS" began. You recall the story of a pair of guinea pigs undelivered at a railway station and how they multiplied until they overflowed the freight office. My wildest hope was to have a few hundred pounds to go into my trunk. MARCH 13th, 9 TONS OF CHINA RELIEF—6 TONS OF ARTICLES IN 30 HUGE WOODEN BOXES—LEFT FOR SEATTLE TO GO BY NAVY BOAT DIRECT TO TSINGTAO.

PIGS

When the first box of some 30 pounds came to the Presbyterian Manse at Oregon City, the excitement began. The articles were carefully itemized. More boxes came, interest increased, the cartons were moved to the church basement. I went away for three days, snug in heart, with the thought of 400 pounds for China. On my return I was wide-eyed at 1000 pounds piled up. Your letters poured in telling of cartons en route. Express and parcel post men unloaded whole truck loads.

More "PIGS"

Money gifts came, too. No more itemizing! We attempted only a record of the number of pounds. I sat all mornings thanking the givers, my sisters helped to keep the records. Then afternoons and evenings we worked with volunteers to sort and pile the articles. One long table the length of the basement surely would be enough! Piles of cartons swamped us. We took time out to check over the names and addresses lest one be missed, and to pile the huge boxes on tables so the Sunday School could be held. Fourteen cartons from one place, stuffed gunny sacks from another, two sealed drums, 600 pounds—so they came.

THE "PIGS" MULTIPLY

When Presbyterians really get stirred up anything can happen! A wire to Dr. Ruland warned him of the tons. He took it nobly. Dr. and Mrs. Achor were wonderful. In spite of their busy church schedules they gave hours to this work. The 2nd week the tables almost crowded out the Sunday School and Boy Scouts, but we cleared one corner for them. The scouts gleefully modelled the women's clothes and searched for stamps. By the 3rd Sunday 4 tons were on the tables and the basement was full so all had to flee. We could not keep up with the record of the weight but continued the "thank-you" cards. The delivery men even helped to record names. "Another shipment"—"more boxes"—"more money gifts," became the mealtime talk.

Boy Scouts helped, young people put up tables. Women re-sorted and arranged the articles. Almost all went through my hands first, so I had seen your hearts. Day after day the incoming loads of "gifts-of-loved-shared" poured in. Newspapers vied for the story and took pictures for their papers.

ONLY THE BEST

You, dear ones from all over the United States, already cleaned out by previous drives, bought new things; sent gold star sons' clothing; gave precious things of loved ones gone (even two Mothers' shawls); included memorial gifts, special rugs, furs, all sorts of valuables, as well as unbelievable quantities of useful, warm, durable clothes. I deeply appreciate the unusual quality of what you sent. Even the packers were impressed by that! Great loving thoughtfulness and sacrifice went into those boxes. Thank you, too, for the personal gifts, enclosed for Miss Madelaire and me. There were \$40.00 specified for her and many lovely things for her to choose from. May our Master really thank you—for that is beyond my power.

14 DIFFERENT STATES AND 34 OREGON TOWNS PARTICIPATE

Many different groups co-operated. One Primary department took up a soap-offering. "Our Primaries were thrilled to bring the contribution of soap and thread," wrote another. One Westminster Fellowship packed the things contributed by their church. One Girl Scout troupe sent gifts. A "Guild Sunday School" class helped pay the express. One husband paid the transportation. "One woman says I must not deny her the privilege of paying the express charge." Some grandchildren kept phoning their grandmother to ask if their clothes had gone yet to the Chinese children. A large box came from a group unknown to me from a Christian church in Oak Park, Ill. Strangers of Baptist and Christian Science churches sent things. One Christian Science man took clothes and money some distance to a Presbyterian church to get this contribution included. Two old ladies, 77 and 88 years of age, had pieced the quilts; baby quilts were made by the ladies of a home. A university, as if dynamited, sent 9 cartons of students' clothes. There are more stories, I am sure, if I only knew them. The total of the prepaid transportation would amount to a large sum I am sure. Added to all this **you have sent about \$1,000.00 specified for relief in China** for various other work.

A PARTIAL COUNT WAS MADE

One night we had prayer meeting in between the tables. Some of the older folks made this partial count: 90 men's heavy overcoats; 280 women's heavy coats; 118 men's suits; 102 pairs trousers; 700 cakes of soap; and blankets and covers which later filled 2 huge packing boxes. Then there was a long table, each, of babies' and children's clothing; literally hundreds of women's dresses; large quantity of cotton batting, including a whole gunny sack of cotton from Texas; several large cartons of yardage, much of it new; and piles of bathrobes, blouses, shoes, socks, ad infinitum. A marvelous out-pouring!

CLOTH AND VITAMINS

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Most Gratefully,
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P.S. Printing delays let me add to this a "thank-you" for all of the Christmas greetings and gifts. All of the boxes were wonderful! I am so glad to belong to each of you.

Irene

LET PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING ASCEND TO THE HOLY ONE!!

AN abundant love-offering to God has been entrusted to me to use. A beautiful grey Ford De Luxe station wagon has been sent by a great Methodist family in San Mateo, California. It is also fitted out as in a dream-story with every conceivable needed spare part: 5 complete ~~extra~~ tires, 2 sealed-in beam headlights, battery, generator, and countless smaller extras. This GREYBEAUTY was delivered to me by the US Navy direct to Tsingtao, to the complete mystification of the naval and consular authorities. For the navy to bring in a car for a civilian may have happened before, but this was the first time in the experience of the men who handled this one.

"How in the world did you manage it", the officer in charge asked me, when I went down on the afternoon of the ship's arrival, hoping, at least, for a distant look at it. "You surely are fortunate. Yours was one of the first loaded. There were about a dozen more on the dock waiting, when the order came thru to stop loading cars and fill the ship with reefer boxes to take to Guam, where the refrigeration plant had just been destroyed by fire. How did you do it?"

"I did not do it and I do not know how it happened", was my reply. We will have to wait for that part of the story from Mr. Atkinson. *the given*

"Come on down with me. We will ~~un~~load it right now for you. Just take about 15 minutes!" Can you imagine the feelings that tumbled over each other in my heart, as Miss Fan and I walked the length of the great ship to watch the crane. There was a poignant exhilaration quite new in my experience.

"Do you believe in God?" I asked the freight officer as we watched the shining new Ford swing over the ship's side. Then I told him how ~~the~~ *the* G. F. Atkinson Construction Company, who built part of the Grand Coulee Dam, ~~tithe~~ *the* the earnings of the company, and even the children ~~tithe~~ *the* their home allowances to build up a fund to be able to give to The Master's work over the world and that this car had been given to bring Christ's love to China and to help in rebuilding this great land. "That is the secret of the car," I finished.

"Well sir," was his reply, "all of the way across, every time I looked at that car, I had a feeling that there must be something very special about it. It was for a civilian, a missionary, and had a big crate in it, when all of the others must be empty. Yes, I believe in God."

I feared I might be dreaming but it was really there, safely on the dock. We patted it and sat in it. It was real! and so beautiful inside and out. Believe it or not, it had an Oregon ~~lisence~~ *license* on it. I still could not believe. Ever since the first I have so prepared my heart that, if in any way it turned out not to be in The Master's plan for me to have it, that I should not be disappointed. I had never really allowed myself to count on it but here it was! Yes, there were, too boxes of gifts from folks and church groups very near and dear to me. THE SONG OF SOLOMON ~~tells~~ *tells* of the grandeur of Solomon's luxurious chariot made of wood from the cedars of Lebanon pillars of silver, ~~floody~~ *floor* of gold, and covering of ~~silver~~ *gold*, filled with love-gifts. I am very sure that Solomon's chariot could not compare with this grey Ford DeLuxe and its beauty, filled with love-gifts, delivered to me in China!

Getting a ~~lisence~~ *license* to import a car in China now is the Impossible. Yet something deep in my heart kept insisting that if God had brought it this far, He could complete the transaction. Miss Fan kept saying, "Wait to see how God will plan it".

The head of the Customs kept repeating to me how impossible it is. "The car is here now? Too bad! For it will have to go back". Somehow I had the audacity to say that since God had brought it out, I believed that He could find an honest way to bring it in.

"Well. you'd better pray pretty hard then, for it is impossible," he said skeptically. The American Consul-General, too, was pessimistic, saying that they had several cars held up for permits. I had understood that official cars were allowed

He offered to do all in his power to help.

China's need for Relief, China's request to the government for relief materials and equipment, that I have been working steadily in relief, that the Navy had brought out the ten tons, that this car would be used in relief work, along with its being a gift and the unusual circumstance of its being brought out by the Navy were the main talking points, when I came at last to interview the director of the Export Import Board, resident in Tsingtao. Kenny Wilson's masterpiece letter, as head of the International Relief Committee and Kirk West's, as Chairman of the Shantung Mission, gave official proof to my request. After several calls, the Director proved most helpful, said a consular letter unnecessary, and volunteered to wire, not write, to the Board in Shanghai. The following days of waiting, fortunately, were very busy. That made the waiting easier. Even so I had seen it, left it in the Navy warehouse. To have been refused then would have been hard.

Then came the call to the office. I went in high confidence and still with that sort of breathlessness that butterflies make in the heart!!

"Congratulations! You have been granted a permit," was the assistant's greeting. He then sent me thru the avenues of red tape, but any amount seemed easy then. The paying of the duty came next. It had been sent long ago, by some of you and carefully saved for this so it was ready. Thank you so much for your share in it.

"We do not know how in the world it was ever done, but it is undeniable that that car came on a Navy ship, so we must be assured that the customs procedure is all strictly legal". That was from the Captain of the Port, as he put it thru the Navy redtape.

"Sorry to hold up the delivery of the car, but this is all so unusual, "apologized the Major who checked the final legality of the papers.

"Unusual"--- Yes. Perhaps the most unusual part was the combination of the unusual abilities, generosity and Love for God, in the human agents who did this for God. It must have been a great joy to God to have been able to have such unusual instruments to work through, His great friends, the Atkinsons.

On May 6th, just one week after the arrival of the ship, Miss Fan and I drove GREY BEAUTY home! "OH! the power!! It's like floating on a cloud! 'So silent'". Thank You, Lord! "God bless the dear Friends", came bursting out of the still-unbelievable experience. "It's just like Our Lord to do this", was Miss Fan's comment.

At the daily station prayer meeting all of us knelt to dedicate GREY ANGEL to the healing of China's wounds and to ask for equally abundant spiritual blessings for the Atkinsons. Some say 'Grey Beauty', others 'Grey ANGEL', but as yet it is not really named.

The grey Ford has already been initiated into the busy rounds of the station activities. It has been out of the country. perilously near the communities, and gone on the early morning preaching trips to the Relief Kitchens. We use my dream - equipment a loud speaker, can sit in the car and talk and the thousands who wait for the food are reached easily with the message of Love. It has helped in our new form of evangelism- over the radio. We pay for some time on a powerful station here for gospel messages but a large block of free time has been given us for Children's stories and Women's Program. It was fun getting initiated into my first ten minutes in Chinese for 'Mothers' Day. Grey Angel collects the children and singers for these programs.

II Corinthians 9: 12 says that gifts to God not only give immediate help but also prompt praise to God. So as you read this give great, sincere praise to the Dear Holy One. Too, pray that no matter how long it may be used that it will make others want to ~~possess~~ love God. There is already an immediate value, I feel sure, in the Master's eyes. This beautiful, abundant, selfless gift of these friends, is a sweet incense before Him. Once when David was homesick, one of his mighty men, risked his life to

bring water from the old well at Bethlehem. Such a sacrifice David poured out as an offering to God. Just so is Grey Angel offered in His service, not as mine but as a trust from Him. I do not dare get hilariously joyous yet over the gift(But it is so marvelous) I feel so humbled that it has been entrusted to me and that God should come so near.

Life is so full of comparative. I have known the feeling of bliss, after treading weary miles in the dust, just to sit on a squeaking wheelbarrow; even a springless cart has seemed wonderful. Our old broken-down, war-weary jeep, tho as cold as ice in the winter, was our joy till it was stolen. A Ford truck next claimed my loyalty for its dependability and power. Last Fall a Willys jeep station wagon, warm and enclosed, fitted in the work and schedules of five families, became my beloved. That now is 'earthbound' compared to GREYANGEL. Now please pray for new spiritual power to be released with this new efficiency.

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Tsingtao, China
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Tsingtao, China

Dear Friends;

I'm a bit wuzzy after my gettin up at 5 and the preaching and all. Breakfast now is over. A couple of helpers are working on a canvas of the refugee Christians, in the next room. Bad as I know the typing will be I want to get a note off to you.

Grey Beauty stopped in front of the most recently opened relief kitchen, We were to go there for the first time in the morning.

"But there is a great difficulty here." said the manager of the kitchen, We have no electricity in the day time."

"Then we will bring our own generator", was my happy answer. Wasn't I glad and happy to be able to say that.

At one center for two weeks the machine was a failure as the electricity was like a dim candle. We first blamed it on the rainy day. The next time we realized that as a refugee place where the five or six folks crowded into that courtyard paid no money for electricity., probably they did not have a full current. Anyway we decided the night before to get out all of the things and try it out. A very fine marine, who has come here often, and is a good electrician, came in just in time to help the Chinese who were to run it get acquainted with it. We got the inverter, turn table, and generator all hooked up and it was great. The next morning after a bit of trying soon we had a nice steady hum and good current. The sound of the records and the voices were soon going out strongly. That place was an/ Japanese factory and refugees have filled it as no place in America can ever be filled and the little hovels and huts all full, basements impossible. They had to build little rooms on the roof of the building in order to move out the folks from the big room to install the kitchen. 4000 get food there each morning and there must be another 2000 in there too. You see why we wanted a good loud speaker. I praised God for you and for the gifts and the long cord that put the motor far away and the love to Him that hid back of it all.

Saturday afternoon, the High School students wanted a retreat out by the seaside. "Yes," the machinery all works and is perfect. We took some pictures of the

several hundred students up on the hillside by the sea. The little generator was quietly humming far up on the hill so they were not disturbed by it. Tho there was a wind still there was a good strong tone and they used the microphone to lead the singing and for the message later and also for the jokes and the fun. It will be available for all of the summer things and of great use.

I think it meant something to the students that an engineer tithed his earnings and was so generous for The Lord's work and cared this much for China. The inverter saves the day. I always use it rather fearfully for I know that if we use it wrong much damage can be caused by that.

Mildred, how are you? Still as busy rushing to meetings and doing nice things for others. I am sure you are. I know that I go in cash circles that letters are about out of the question ... I know that is true with you also.....

I must go down today to finish the papers for insurance, and get ready for the radio program on tonight.

Earl, are you playing baseball? You are taller now than your Dad, I expect Lois how tall are you? We had word that Cheeco is to be moved to Fuchow. I think they were afraid for the imminent fall of Tsinan last night. I have not heard today. I suppose Miss Miller and the nursing school will go too if the medical school moves.

It is tragically dry here now and we are hoping for rain. Before long more famine will be facing us, if it does not come soon.

Again Thank you, Each morning as I go to these early places I think over the list of folks who are cooperating as I go.

Hastily,

We are calling on our 400 families of Xtian refugees in thier hovels, many lost their Bibles in flight or were stolen or destroyed. I am so happy to have some money from the States. Rininger \$ 500.00. ~~Had a glorious time preaching in 2 untouched villages~~

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seemed pretty scanty ~~in prospect~~, for the 400 refugee families of the Xiao Tung Presbytery who are in Tsingtao. They meet each ~~Sabbath~~ in the chapel and these meetings fill a real need in their cheerless lives. I am amazed often at those who live under such conditions and privation, beyond our conception, but who can sincerely say "Praise the Lord!" Just before Christmas, the mission received some warm mittens for allotment, a marine officer sent some 'surplused' but still edible, candy bars, they took an offering for some pea-nuts for the children, and from an unexpected gift of the Lords money, we divided enough to buy the present ration of flour. Again we marvelled at His generous, timely provision for their joy.

Am I home
are we thankful?
Yes

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MY-SINCEREST-BELA TED -GREETINGS?

The Chinese 'Christ child', drawn by Tuck West was sent out by the November evacuation ship. Now this message goes on the January ship, supposedly the last one. Such delay is typical of our lives these months carrying on, tho sometimes a bit late, thru all kinds of frustrations, uncertainties, conflicting news and orders, and rumours. We feel like mere specks, sometimes, in the swift changing kaleidoscope of political turmoil, dizzy inflation, an uprooted society, and of all the physical suffering among us. That a treasure is His deep quiet peace inside.

Intro
As city after city has fallen, the number of pitiful refugees has increased. Thousands flee hither and yon seeking a security which flees from them. Folks in terror crowd into boats, trains and planes, often without the least plan or means of livelihood. Then the last crowd came from Chefoo, various Relief and Church groups scurried to borrow tents and fix shelters, helped them to get tickets for a scant meal a day at the rice kitchens - now financed by the ECA - and gave all possible help, but there now grows up another miserable slums, to add to the already great number of such places. Today they are freezing out in the bitter wind. Surely God never meant life to be like this!

TWO GIFTS. How grateful I am for the recovery of health and strength after the coronary thrombosis attack in September. I had excellent care, a good hospital, and some weeks of rest. I have been driving again for about a month. Imagine it! I am again entrusted with life and with the privilege of staying on in China! Thank you for your prayers and loving concern. The doctors are a bit baffled to explain how I could have been so sick and can be now so well. 'The servants who drew the water knew' - how the water had become wine.

The preachers PARADISE and SORROW. *Intro* To have an audience of from 2-4 thousand every day who are sure to be present - yes - paradise, but they are pitiful homeless refugees driven from good homes, many of them, without much more hope in life than that the rice will not be stopped. They tear out the heart.

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After the Grey-Angel station wagon came, such a wonderful gift in May, on through August, a team of evangelists went each morning from 5.30 to 8 or 9, to preach to the crowds of refugees at the 14 soup kitchens operated under the International Relief Committee. We preach from the inside and by placing the loud speaker on the top of the 'Angel' our voices carried a great distance. We used the little gift-generator where there was no electricity. These months were some of the most wonderful since my return this time. The equipment was simply wonderful! It is my dream of years come true. It was so easy compared with the physical toil and exhaustion of the hard years of pioneer village and Market Preaching, and our trying to shout over the din and from open threshing floors. Had we only had this equipment then!

Very special wanted 3 or 4 days to see if it should come in
The time each day was too short. We gave out tracts, especially prepared, with simple consecutive Bible teaching. Too, there were the Gospel story, a reading lesson, singing of choruses, and stories for children. The Lutheran Mission too had similar equipment, so we went in circuit and supplemented the work of the regular evangelists at each kitchen. Such glorious fun it was - a vicarious sort that demanded one's best. Many heard of Jesus for the first time and numbers were received into the churches as a result.

Very apologetic for keeping it.
N.B. The Chinese "Christ child" was painted by the girls at the Bible School.

ad a glorious time yesterday preaching in two untouched villages. and we are goin again today. In the second one yesterday there was such a nice spirit. A, I listened so carefully ad the of the older men of the village came out and introduced himself and brought out tea for us and in every way was a representation of that old appealing pat of old China. We will go back there some day.

The currency instability keep the Americans in a dizzy whirl. A yr ago they paid 10 of our \$ for a sack of flour; now \$20.00. Children this is for you, they pay 20 cts for 3 pts Pay car fare and get a whole handful of coins in return. High prices make the relief money less. We hope prices will be steady but it is a hopeless situation. She paid a small bill with a glass of chese. In our way of living that would seem sunreaso
but when you feel can't get interesting you know all mediums of change

Culmination of blunders if our navy pulls out and leaves the way open for Russia to slip in. We were never so fearful as now. It would be a terrible plight for China to go after red domination.

Imitation Life service

PROOFS OF HIS PRESENCE.

earnest students in Chung Teh Boys School who have been praying specially for months that their school might be wholly Christian. Of the 800 boys about one-third profess belief. A Chinese Elder was asked to lead the meetings for them in the chapel for a week. Each night it was filled. The messages were powerful and convincing. By the end of the week some five hundred had given their names and made definite public profession of belief. Rev. Mr. Tung, who has been so used by God in the Youth work, is following up this initial step. Please pray for a very real experience of God in their hearts. This was the direct result of the prayers of the students and the more remarkable because the decisions were made with the clear knowledge that if the Communists ever do come, in this very decision will cause them trouble and persecution. Under this Elder's leading, 90 decisions were made at Ssu Tang and 40 at Chan Shan.

PERSECUTION - PREACHING.

Persecution sent the early Christians out to witness in new areas. We are seeing this same thrilling result here now. This Elder was driven out of the North by the Communists, has done a great work here, and last year began to organize a Layman's Preaching Mission. This is truly home mission Chinese-sponsored work. There are now 50 in this group scattered out over China. Last week we saw some leave for two different preaching groups. They had been given free passage on a ship. They go without a set itinerary but where there are the openings and hospitality. Please pray for the

the "Bad" of the persecution.

"Good" that can come out of

THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS

are growing in number and attendance. This is Chin's hope and is all the more important in the face of the breakdown of the old morality and the intensive program of the Communists to reach the children.

FIRST GRADUATION EXERCISES.

of the Women's Bible School, begun in faith by Mrs. Hup and Yu just after V-J Day, culminated 3 years of faith. Thirteen students were graduated. Somehow God has always brought them through all the difficulties. The building has been bought. In the very hard places God has proved His Presence. "God just can't let you down. He is always dependable, tho His plan may not be yours." Miss Fan often says. She

PAUL AND JOYCE FAN

had an 8-pound boy born in October. The return to China was closed so they went to the University of Houston, Texas, where Paul is a professor in geology. They are delighted with the school and very happy in their relationships there. "I want my life to be a daily witness," Paul wrote. He is the same unspoiled, deeply spiritual, consecrated Christian.

FUTURE PLANS UNCERTAIN

So far mine is to stay right here. For the present, missionaries are safe in Peking and Tsinan. We truly hope that this is a new policy. So long as we can preach and work at all, at present it seems wisest for me to try to stay on. If an Iron Curtain does stop the opportunity perhaps we can keep a toe in the door, at least. I have entrusted to our messenger a message I did not specify to

Thank each one of you whose sacrificial giving keeps me here and for your prayers and the relief gifts and your loving concern. May we all next year test our lives by, "For me to live is Christ." Is it? God's best blessing for you all.

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which is a true and honest expression of the situation